

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 20, 2024 6:30 P.M.

The Grand Saline ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting this date. President Micah Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. stating that a quorum was present and the meeting had been duly called and posted in the time and manner required by law.

Board members present included: President Micah Lowe, Vice-President Bear Brown, Secretary Kyle Thompson, Matt Strickland, Dustin Mason, Nick Haley, and Michael Martin.

There were no comments from the public.

Recognition: Recipients of the Indian Award for April 2024 were Jaileeana McGill from the Elementary School, Brandon Melton from the Intermediate School, Mason Self from the Middle School, Jeremiah Cea and Caleb Schaphorst from the High School. Superintendent Award for all A's winner McCoy Lewis.

The board adjourned into executive session May 20, 2024, at 6:53 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session May 20, 2024, 8:54 p.m.

Reports: (1) Finance by Laura Griffith; (2) Technology Report by Lance Caffey (3) Maintenance/Facilities Report by Ryan Simmons; (4) Athletic Report by Micah Lewis; (5) School Health Advisor Council (SHAC) by Micah Lewis; (6) 2023-2024 Comprehensive Needs Assessment Survey Summaries by Micah Lewis; (7) Superintendent's Report by Micah Lewis.

Consent agenda items: (1) Minutes of the April 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting; (2) the Financial report for April 2024. A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Matt Strickland to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried 7:0.

The Statement of Officer was signed by incumbents: Micah Lowe, Kyle Thompson, and Dustin Mason. The Oath of Office was administered by Notary Public Cindy Gibson.

Reorganization of the Board began with President Micah Lowe surrendering his responsibilities to Vice- President Bear Brown. Bear Brown opened the nominations for President. Matt Strickland nominated Micah Lowe for Board President. Vice-President Bear Brown moved that nominations be closed followed by a second from Nick Haley. Micah Lowe was elected President with a vote of 6 to 0 with Micah Lowe abstaining from voting. Micah Lowe resumed the meeting as President.

Michael Martin nominated Bear Brown for Vice President. President Micah Lowe closed nominations which was seconded by Dustin Mason. Bear Brown abstained from voting and was elected Vice President by a vote of 6 to 0.

Nick Haley nominated Kyle Thompson for Secretary. President Micah Lowe closed nominations which was seconded by Dustin Mason. Kyle Thompson abstained from voting and was elected Secretary by a vote of 6 to 0.

There was no action taken on updating the bank signature card.

President Micah Lowe reported for each board member the required Continuing Education Hours as follows: Micah Lowe -efficient, Bear Brown – efficient, Matt Strickland- efficient, Dustin Mason – efficient, Kyle Thompson – efficient, Michael Martin – efficient, and Nick Haley - efficient.

A motion was made by Nick Haley and seconded by Michael Martin to approve the Resolution for Employee Compensation during Emergency Weather Closure. The motion carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason and seconded by Bear Brown to approve Server Upgrades as presented totaling \$31,576.00. The motion carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Dustin Mason to approve New Computers for the High School Computer Lab as presented in the amount of \$40,754.50. The motion was seconded by Michael Martin and carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Matt Strickland to purchase a new HVAC unit for the High School as presented in the amount of \$40,000.00. The motion was seconded by Bear Brown and carried 7:0.

Nick Haley made a motion to approve the Elementary and Middle School Concrete Project as presented in the amount of \$73,169.00. The motion was seconded by Dustin Mason and carried 7:0.

A motion was made by Nick Haley and seconded by Bear Brown to give the Superintendent authorization to hire professional personnel through September 2024. The motion carried 7:0.

The board adjourned into executive session May 20, 2024, at 10:39 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session May 20, 2024, 11:28p.m.

Matt Strickland made a motion and seconded by Bear Brown to approve Thompson Architectural Group, Inc contract for a fair and reasonable price. The motion carried 7:0

A motion was made by Kyle Thompson to approve employee resignations as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Dustin Mason and carried 7:0

A motion was made by Matt Strickland to approve new hires as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Michael Martin and carried 7:0

With no further business President Micah Lowe declared the meeting adjourned May 20, 2024, at 11:29 p.m.

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Micah Lowe, President

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Kyle Thompson, Secretary